

months, the extent and area of inspection, and the type of inspection employed, i.e., visual, magnetic particle, ultrasonic testing. A summary of the testing results shall be submitted indicating what repairs, if any, were needed and the overall structural condition of the platform.

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§ 250.143 Platform removal and location clearance.

(a) The lessee shall remove all structures in a manner approved by the Regional Supervisor to assure that the location has been cleared of all obstructions to other activities in the area.

(b) All platforms (including casing, wellhead equipment, templates, and piling) shall be removed by the lessee to a depth of at least 15 feet below the ocean floor or to a depth approved by the Regional Supervisor based upon the type of structure or ocean-bottom conditions.

(c) The lessee shall verify by appropriate means that the location has been cleared of all obstructions. The results of the location clearance survey shall be submitted to the Regional Supervisor by means of a letter from the company performing the work certifying that the area was cleared of all obstructions, the date the work was performed, the extent of the area surveyed, and the survey method used.

§ 250.144 Records.

The lessee shall compile, retain, and make available to Minerals Management Service representatives for the functional life of all platforms, the as-built structural drawings, the design assumptions and analyses, a summary of the nondestructive examination records, and the inspection results from platform inspections required by § 250.142 of this part.

Subpart J—Pipelines and Pipeline Rights-of-Way

§ 250.150 General requirements.

(a) Pipelines and associated valves, flanges, and fittings shall be designed, installed, operated, maintained, and abandoned to provide safe and pollu-

tion-free transportation of fluids in a manner which does not unduly interfere with other uses in the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

(b) An application shall be submitted to the Regional Supervisor and approval obtained prior to the installation, modification, or abandonment of a pipeline which qualifies as a lease term pipeline (see § 250.151, Definitions) and prior to the installation of a right-of-way pipeline or the modification or relinquishment of a pipeline right-of-way.

(c) A pipeline which qualifies under the Department of the Interior's (DOI) jurisdiction (DOI pipeline) shall meet the requirements of § 250.150 through 250.158 of this subpart. The DOI's exclusive jurisdiction with respect to pipeline activities extends upstream from the outlet flange at each facility where produced hydrocarbons are first separated, dehydrated, or otherwise processed to each production well in the OCS. In addition, those pipelines necessary for the development of a lease, e.g., gas-lift gas or supply pipelines, are under DOI's exclusive jurisdiction.

(d) A pipeline which qualifies as a right-of-way pipeline (see § 250.151, Definitions) shall not be installed until a right-of-way has been requested and granted in accordance with this subpart.

(e)(1) The Regional Supervisor may suspend any pipeline operation upon a determination by the Regional Supervisor that continued activity would threaten or result in serious, irreparable, or immediate harm or damage to life (including fish and other aquatic life), property, mineral deposits, or the marine, coastal, or human environment.

(2) The Regional Supervisor may also suspend pipeline operations or a right-of-way grant if the Regional Supervisor determines that the lessee or right-of-way holder has failed to comply with a provision of the Act or any other applicable law, a provision of these or other applicable regulations, or a condition of a permit or right-of-way grant.

(3) The Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) may cancel a pipeline permit or right-of-way grant in accordance with 43 U.S.C. 1334(a)(2). A right-